



Bridge Over Niagara



Welcome to Day 2 of Bridge Week 2004!



CN TC-A

Hospitality Room breakfast	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Round Robin Match 5	10:30 – 12:30 p.m.
Round Robin Match 6	12:45 – 2:45 p.m.
Round Robin Match 7	3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Break	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Round Robin Match 8	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Round Robin Match 9	9:15 – 11:15 p.m.
Hospitality Room opens	11:00 p.m.

See the Program for details of team match-ups in the Round Robin.

CN TC-B

Hospitality Room breakfast	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Captain's Meeting	10:15 a.m.
Round Robin Match 1	11:00 – 2:10 p.m.
Round Robin Match 2 (first 11)	2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Break	4:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Round Robin Match 2 (second 11)	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Round Robin Match 3	8:15 – 11:25 p.m.
Hospitality Room opens	11:00 p.m.

See the Program for details of team match-ups in the Round Robin.

CW TC

Hospitality Room breakfast	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Captain's Meeting	12:00 noon
Round Robin Match 1	12:45 – 2:45 p.m.
Round Robin Match 2	3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Break	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Round Robin Match 3	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Round Robin Match 4	9:15 – 11:15 p.m.
Hospitality Room opens	11:00 p.m.

See the Program for details of team match-ups in the Round Robin.



Hospitality Room



The Hospitality Room (Niagara Rooms A and B) will be open each morning for breakfast (coffee, juice, fruit and muffins) from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. It will be open each evening for post-game hospitality and snacks from 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Tonight's menu is shepherd's pie and sticky toffee pudding courtesy of The Merchant Ale House & BrewPub and Patrick Sheehan's Irish Pub. See the review of these two fine establishments on page 4 of this bulletin.



Hospitality Room Etiquette

Please, all food and beverages provided in the Hospitality Room must be consumed in the Hospitality Room. Do not take any to your room or to the playing area.

Hospitality "Units" redeemable for a glass of wine or beer can be purchased in the Hospitality Room for a cost-covering fee of \$2.00 each.

Thank you for your cooperation.

BITS and BYTES ABOUT THE CW TC

Prepared by Paul Thurston

By week's end, CBF President Jim Priebe will be presenting the Tobi Mitchell Trophy to the winners of the 2004 Canadian Women's Team Championship. Based on past performance, the CBF's resident engraver may just have to look in his file of past winners to get the correct spelling for Dianna Gordon, captain of the defending champions from last year's event in Penticton, has won the title a totally amazing 14 times!

Next on the frequency chart of past winners are two of Gordon's teammates – Beverly Kraft with eight wins and Rhoda Habert with seven while their Toronto-based teammates Barbara Clinton-Joan Eaton have each won twice.

The only other competitor in the field with more than one past victory is two-time winner Kathy Adachi while Leslie Gold and Roisin O'Hara have each won once before.

At least one other past CWTC champion is competing at Bridge Week as B.C.'s June Pocock, a winner in Winnipeg in 1997, is a member of the Brad Bart squad in the Open CNTC event.

While no one is conceding this year's CWTC to the Toronto-Montreal Gordon combine, at least one team is hoping for the winner's list to include just a slight change in spelling for the engraver as Diane Gordon is a member of the local team captained by Joyce Reger – maybe home field advantage together with the name similarity will work their magic.

All in all, this field looks to be one of the most competitive in the CWTC in quite some time so Good Luck Ladies and may the best team win!



HISTORY OF CANADIAN WOMEN'S TEAM
CHAMPIONSHIP

(courtesy of the CBF via
<http://www.cbf.ca/Archives/030405.html>)

The **Tobi Mitchell** trophy is awarded to winners of the CWTC.

The first National Final in the CWTC was held in Vancouver in 1984. In 1980 there had been a playoff to select a Ladies team to go to the World Ladies Team Olympiad. Over the years various levels of play have been held, ranging from club games to zone finals. In recent years, each Zone decides what levels of play they will hold to chose Zone representatives to the National Final. Prior to 1998 the CWTC was held as a stand alone event. In 1998 the CWTC became part of Canadian Bridge Week.

1980 (8 teams) - represented Canada in Women's Teams at the 1980 World Team Olympiad. George Hannia (NPC), Karen Allison, Pam Bridson, Francine Cimon, Dianna Gordon, Sharon Kokish, Mary Paul

1984 (Vancouver) - winner represented Canada in Women's Teams at the 1984 World Olympiad. Dianna Gordon, Sharyn Kokish, Francine Cimon, Sandra Fraser, Catherine Thorpe, Mary Paul, George Mittelman(NPC)

1985 (Halifax) - winner went to 1986 Rosenblum. Anna Boivin, Rene Mancuso, Rhoda Habert, Beverly Kraft, Nancy Koffler, Barbara Saltsman

1986 (Thunder Bay) - winner went to an NABC. Mary Paul, Francine Cimon, Katie Thorpe, Gloria Silverman, Sharyn Reus, Dianna Gordon

1987 (Edmonton) - winner represented Canada in the Women's Teams at the 1988 World Olympiad. Won the Bronze Medal. Mary Paul, Francine Cimon, Katie Thorpe, Gloria Silverman, Sharyn Reus, Dianna Gordon, George Mittelman(NPC)

1988 (London) - winner played off against Bermuda & Mexico and then went to 1989 Venice Cup. Won

the Bronze Medal at the Venice Cup. Mary Paul, Francine Cimon, Katie Thorpe, Gloria Silverman, Sharyn Reus, Dianna Gordon, George Mittelman(NPC)

1989 (Calgary) - played in the Rosenblum at 1990 World Championships. Kathy Adachi, Ina Anderson, Pat Landau, Joyce Peters, Marge Neate, Alison Dorosh

1990 (Halifax) - winner played off against Bermuda & Mexico and then went to 1991 Venice Cup. Mary Paul, Francine Cimon, Katie Thorpe, Gloria Silverman, Sharyn Reus, Dianna Gordon

1991 (Ottawa - 18 teams) - winner represented Canada in the Women's Teams at the 1992 World Olympiad. Mary Paul, Francine Cimon, Katie Thorpe, Gloria Silverman, Sharyn Reus, Dianna Gordon, John Carruthers (NPC)

1992 (Vancouver- 16 teams) - winner played off against Bermuda & Mexico and then went to 1993 Venice Cup. Sharyn Reus, Dianna Gordon, Beverly Kraft, Rhoda Habert

1993 (Saskatoon-16 teams) - winner represented Canada in Women's teams at the World Championships. Judy Harris, Barbara Kupkee, Anne Pilon, Diane Christianson

1994 (Toronto - 20 teams) - winner played off against Bermuda & Mexico and then went to 1995 Venice Cup. Gloria Silverman, Joan Eaton, Roisin O' Hara, Barbara Clinton

1995 (Thunder Bay - 16 teams) - winner represented Canada in Women's Teams at 1996 World Olympiad. (Team won the Bronze Medal at the World Olympiad). Sharyn Reus, Dianna Gordon, Barbara Saltsman, Beverly Kraft, Rhoda Habert, Francine Cimon

1996 (Fredericton - 13 teams) - winner played off against Bermuda & Mexico and then went to 1997 Venice Cup. Sharyn Reus, Dianna Gordon, Barbara Saltsman, Beverly Kraft, Rhoda Habert, Francine Cimon



1997 (Winnipeg - 13 teams) - winner represented Canada in 1998 Women's Team at World Championships. June Pocock, Mary Lou Bert, Kathy Adachi, Leslie Gold

1998 (Montreal - 16 teams) - winner played off against Bermuda & Mexico and then went to 1999 Venice Cup. Dianna Gordon, Sheri Winestock, Beverly Kraft, Rhoda Habert, Francine Cimon, Barbara Saltsman

1999 (Toronto - 20 teams) - winner represented Canada in 2000 World Olympiad - Women's teams. Won the Silver Medal at the World Olympiad. Dianna Gordon, Katie Thorpe, Beverly Kraft, Francine Cimon, Martine Lacroix, Rhoda Habert

2000 (Halifax - 14 teams) - winner played off with Mexico & Bermuda and then went to 2001 Venice Cup Jim Green (NPC), Dianna Gordon, Katie Thorpe, Beverly Kraft, Francine Cimon, Martine Lacroix, Rhoda Habert

2001 (Montreal - 6 teams) - cash award - no world event to attend. Solange Bouchard, Lise Lapointe, Patricia Gagnon, Marcelle Tremblay, Pascale Gaudreault, Martine Lacroix

2002 (Edmonton - 9 teams) - winner to playoff with 2003 winner to select team to play Mexico for right to go to Venice Cup 2003 (2003 winner Kraft won this playoff). Bob Crosby, NPC, Pat Lopushinsky, Susan Culham, Lorna McDonald, Kizmet Fung

2003 (Penticton - 13 teams) - winner to playoff with 2002 winner to select team to play Mexico for right to go to Venice Cup 2003 (2003 winner Kraft won this playoff). Beverly Kraft, Brenda Bryant, Dianna Gordon, Joan Eaton, Barbara Clinton, Francine Cimon

Restaurant Review

by Paul Thurston

"A Fine Lood Pair of Pubs"

Two of the local bridge community's favourite eating & drinking establishments are joining forces to provide tonight's late night snack in the Hospitality Suite.

The Merchant Ale House and BrewPub and Patrick Sheehan's Irish Pub will be serving shepherd's pie and sticky toffee pudding at 11:00 pm so don't dawdle over those last few hands of the last evening match!



Both restaurants are on St. Paul Street, the main thoroughfare in downtown St Catharines and a scant five minutes away if you use your "Cab Me" card you've found in your registration package.

Sheehan's really is a bit of the "olde sod" transplanted into St Catharines as the proprietors have managed to create an authentic Dublin-style pub in décor, grub offerings and, of course, draft brew. Lots of Guinness, Smithwicks, Harp and others that devotees of Irish beers might fancy and a food menu replete with pub-style offerings like Bangers and Mash, Steak and Guinness Pie (one of my personal



favourites), Curry Chicken, Irish Stew (of course!) and a really good Donegal Bay Linguini. Don't forget your 2-for-1 Sheehan's coupons also included in your registration bag – more are available at the Hospitality Services Desk if you've used your team's supply already.

Sheehan's partner in tonight's offering is their downtown neighbour The Merchant Ale House and BrewPub. When you enter this pub, you'll truly feel transplanted back in time as the historic building it's located in has a real feel of a turn of the century (19th to 20th) wayfarer's inn. The varied beer menu offers a wide variety of brewed-on-site products – your committee particularly recommends the Bitter, the Hockey Lager and, for a truly different flavour, the Oatmeal Stout. As for the food, there's plenty of good choices on that menu too as Burgers, Wings, Chili and Chicken dishes are all done with just enough of an individualized flare to make them memorable – not to mention economical and delicious! Hey, you might even forget you're in St Catharines when you wash down some Ale House Cajun Catfish with a pint of the best house Bitter.

These are two great pubs that are generous sponsors of Bridge Week and will truly appreciate your patronage when you stop in for a brew and a bite



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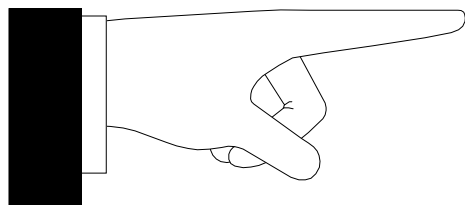
Round Robin Results – CTNC-A Saturday

The first results are in! Yesterday each team in the CTNC-A played four 14 board matches. Details of the team match-ups can be found in your Program. Victory Points that each team has accumulated so far are given below. This table will be updated each day. Similar tables will be produced for the CNTC-B, CWTC and CSTC.

CNTC-A Results – First Four Matches

Team No. & Name	Round Robin Match Number																			Total	Rank
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
1 McAvoy	20	14	18	12																64	8-9
2 Willis	10	9	20	13																52	
3 Anderson	19	16	23	22																80	2
4 Sinno	18	21	12	9																60	10-11
5 Carruthers	14	12	7	18																51	
6 Fraser	16	12	10	21																59	
7 Oddy	19	15	25	8																67	6
8 Jotcham	18	15	14	17																64	8-9
9 Todd	25	15	5	14																59	
10 Senensky	15	22	13	16																66	7
11 Pocock	25	18	24	15																82	1
12 Alexander	4	23	10	0																37	
13 Gartaganis	15	7	25	23																70	5
14 Tranquille	5	12	4	20																41	
15 Thurston	12	8	20	10																50	
16 Ross	11	15	6	7																39	
17 Duquette	14	15	17	25																71	3-4
18 Bart	16	15	25	15																71	3-4
19 Fergani	12	18	16	14																60	10-11
20 Janicki	11	18	4	16																49	
Totals	299	300	298	295	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1192	

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The Merchant Ale House & BrewPub
and
Patrick Sheehan's Irish Pub
Two fine eating & drinking establishments
in downtown St. Catharines

Words of Wisdom from Our Resident
Bridge Philosopher

(No, we're not revealing her (his?) name!)

1. A good partner is one who stands by you during troubles you wouldn't have if he weren't your partner.
2. People who have half a mind to play bridge, shouldn't.
3. A bridge partnership was probably the second union (#1 = Adam and Eve) to defy management.
4. Try praising your partner, even if it frightens him at first.
5. It is not enough to be a first grade player – too many have progressed beyond first grade!
6. The most difficult thing for some players to say in 10 words or less is PASS.
7. No two partners are alike and both are glad of it.
8. Casey or Yogi might have said that half the lies bridge players tell about hands they've played well are 100% false.
9. A suitable gift for the player who knows everything is your sympathy.
10. Dancing is great training for bridge – you get to guess what your partner is going to do before he does it.
11. Remember, everyone admires a good loser except his partner.

My Partner

I have the perfect partner. He always supports the suits I bid and never insists on playing in his own suit.

My partner always believes my bids and not the opponent's.

My partner always leads the suits I bid and willingly sacrifices his honours to promote mine.

My partner has never criticised any bid or play I have made, even when it cost us a bottom.

My partner never gloats when we get a top board and always compliments the opponents on a good bid or play.

My partner remembers bridge is a partnership game and that we are on the same side.

My partner has not yet introduced himself to me, but when we meet I will treat him with tender loving care and cherish him forever.

Anonymous





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